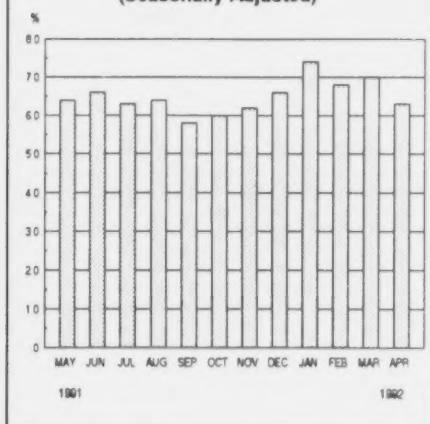


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# Employment Trends

APRIL 1992

South Carolina's  
Unemployment Rates  
(Seasonally Adjusted)



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## Tourism Boosts Nonfarm Employment...

South Carolina's total nonfarm employment rose 1,700 to 1,497,600 in April. Seasonal expansion in the trade and service industries provided enough job opportunities to compensate for continued weaknesses in the state's construction and manufacturing divisions. Private sector employment rose 3,200 to 1,210,200 while government jobs declined 1,500 over the month. The state's unemployment rate which dropped from 7.0% in March to 6.3% for April, was well below the national rate of 7.2%.

## Employment in Trade and Services Rises...

In the private sector, trade employers hired an additional 3,200 employees in April to handle increased business activities at retail establishments. Retail jobs accounted for the entire monthly gain in trade while permanent layoffs reduced wholesale employment by 100. Seasonal hiring at eating and drinking places, general merchandise stores and food stores pushed the retail job count to 275,300. The service sector continued to climb in April, adding 2,000 jobs to its payrolls. Within services, hotels and other lodging places, responding to increased tourism, filled 1,500 job openings. Health services also produced 500 jobs during the month. On the downside, construction jobs declined 800 to 81,400, 10.4% lower than a year earlier. April's construction losses were attributed to sharp downturns in general building contracting. Manufacturing employment fell 800 to 364,600, reflecting a loss of 700 jobs in nondurable goods. The textile and apparel industries, reporting temporary layoffs, cut 300 and 200 jobs, respectively. Durable-good employers reduced their payrolls by 100 during the month. South Carolina's manufacturing workweek inched down 0.1 hour to 41.5 hours, and average hourly earnings gained \$0.01 to \$9.40. Nationally, the manufacturing workweek also decreased, dropping 0.2 hour to 40.4 hours while average hourly earnings rose \$0.07 to \$11.43. Productivity at the state's factories fell 0.5 point to 99.3 points in April. Output per hour at durable and nondurable-good plants dropped 0.2 and 0.6 point, respectively. Employment in transportation and public utilities was down 200 as a result of project completions in the electric, gas, and sanitary division. Bank mergers in the state pushed employment in finance, insurance, and real estate downward 100 as depository institutions cut positions. Mining jobs in the state also slipped 100 to 1,700 for the month.

## Seasonal Declines Evident in Education...

The government job count at 287,400 in April registered seasonal downturns in educational employment, primarily in local education (-1,400). Educational jobs at the state level decreased 300 during the month. Positive job growth of 200 each occurred in other state and local government. Federal government posted a loss of 200 positions.

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**Outlook...**

South Carolina's economy is expected to continue to experience seasonal growth in trade and services in May. Government employment should turn downward as school sessions end. The state's unemployment rate will fluctuate in the coming months as students enter the summer job market.

**For your information...**

Effective with program year 1992-93 beginning July 1, 1992, there will be two new Service Delivery Areas (SDAs) in South Carolina, the Catawba SDA and the Santee-Lynches SDA. This brings the total number of SDAs in the state to eleven. SDAs administer the formula funded JTPA programs at the local level for the Title II.A Adult and Youth Program, Title II.B Summer Youth Program and Title III EDWAA Dislocated Worker Program. SDAs provide, or procure from other agencies, employment and training services or activities to eligible participants. Examples of services and activities are: determination of applicant eligibility, job search, classroom training, on-the-job training (OJT) and others. The two new SDAs will be administered at the local level by: Robert Barber (Catawba Council of Governments, 803-327-9041), and John K. Elliott (Employment and Training Director, Santee-Lynches Council of Governments, 803-775-7381).

### Civilian Labor Force Summary April 1992

|                                    | Apr. 1992   | Mar. 1992   | Apr. 1991   |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>United States (seas. adj.)</b>  |             |             |             |
| Civilian Labor Force               | 126,830,000 | 126,590,000 | 125,644,000 |
| Total Employment                   | 117,675,000 | 117,348,000 | 117,388,000 |
| Total Unemployment                 | 9,155,000   | 9,242,000   | 8,256,000   |
| Unemployment Rate (%)              | 7.2         | 7.3         | 6.6         |
| <b>South Carolina (seas. adj.)</b> |             |             |             |
| Civilian Labor Force               | 1,761,100   | 1,746,400   | 1,747,500   |
| Total Employment                   | 1,649,300   | 1,624,400   | 1,641,200   |
| Total Unemployment                 | 111,800     | 122,000     | 106,300     |
| Unemployment Rate (%)              | 6.3         | 7.0         | 6.1         |
| <b>Greenville-Spartanburg MSA</b>  |             |             |             |
| Civilian Labor Force               | 344,890     | 341,490     | 346,170     |
| Total Employment                   | 328,150     | 321,970     | 328,380     |
| Total Unemployment                 | 16,740      | 19,520      | 17,790      |
| Unemployment Rate (%)              | 4.9         | 5.7         | 5.1         |
| <b>Columbia MSA</b>                |             |             |             |
| Civilian Labor Force               | 245,170     | 242,530     | 246,050     |
| Total Employment                   | 234,140     | 229,760     | 236,360     |
| Total Unemployment                 | 11,030      | 12,760      | 9,690       |
| Unemployment Rate (%)              | 4.5         | 5.3         | 3.9         |
| <b>Charleston MSA</b>              |             |             |             |
| Civilian Labor Force               | 243,440     | 240,760     | 240,490     |
| Total Employment                   | 229,800     | 224,780     | 230,500     |
| Total Unemployment                 | 13,640      | 15,990      | 9,990       |
| Unemployment Rate (%)              | 5.6         | 6.6         | 4.2         |

### Labor Force and Unemployment for Selected Cities in South Carolina

April 1992

| City             | Labor Force |           |           | Unemployment |           |           | Unemployment Rate (%) |           |           |
|------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                  | Apr. 1992   | Mar. 1992 | Apr. 1991 | Apr. 1992    | Mar. 1992 | Apr. 1991 | Apr. 1992             | Mar. 1992 | Apr. 1991 |
| Anderson         | 13,680      | 13,510    | 13,700    | 1,050        | 1,210     | 1,100     | 7.7                   | 8.9       | 8.0       |
| Charleston       | 39,920      | 39,440    | 39,400    | 2,220        | 2,560     | 1,580     | 5.6                   | 6.5       | 4.0       |
| Columbia         | 48,100      | 47,680    | 48,160    | 2,700        | 3,130     | 2,330     | 5.6                   | 6.6       | 4.8       |
| Florence         | 16,660      | 16,440    | 16,480    | 1,000        | 1,090     | 850       | 6.0                   | 6.6       | 5.2       |
| Goose Creek      | 7,150       | 7,090     | 7,060     | 430          | 520       | 320       | 6.0                   | 7.3       | 4.5       |
| Greenville       | 34,890      | 34,580    | 34,700    | 2,090        | 2,390     | 1,870     | 6.0                   | 6.9       | 5.4       |
| Mt. Pleasant     | 9,350       | 9,190     | 9,310     | 260          | 300       | 190       | 2.8                   | 3.3       | 2.0       |
| Myrtle Beach     | 14,570      | 14,160    | 13,910    | 660          | 920       | 600       | 4.5                   | 6.5       | 4.3       |
| North Charleston | 24,050      | 23,890    | 23,520    | 2,070        | 2,390     | 1,470     | 8.6                   | 10.0      | 6.3       |
| Rock Hill        | 23,710      | 23,470    | 23,150    | 1,810        | 2,070     | 1,430     | 7.6                   | 8.8       | 6.2       |
| Spartanburg      | 23,610      | 23,490    | 24,110    | 1,310        | 1,610     | 1,800     | 5.5                   | 6.8       | 7.5       |
| Sumter           | 12,250      | 12,170    | 11,740    | 1,010        | 1,150     | 1,120     | 8.2                   | 9.5       | 9.5       |



**Labor Force and Unemployment in South Carolina  
by County and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)  
April 1992**

| County                         | Labor Force  |              |              | Unemployment |              |              | Unemployment Rate (%) |              |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                | Apr.<br>1992 | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 | Apr.<br>1992 | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 | Apr.<br>1992          | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 |
| Abbeville                      | 10,740       | 10,670       | 10,860       | 620          | 790          | 970          | 5.7                   | 7.4          | 8.9          |
| Aiken                          | 69,720       | 68,180       | 68,640       | 3,530        | 3,970        | 2,980        | 5.1                   | 5.8          | 4.3          |
| Allendale                      | 5,920        | 5,840        | 5,700        | 400          | 610          | 470          | 6.8                   | 10.5         | 8.2          |
| Anderson MSA                   | 70,740       | 69,660       | 70,820       | 4,180        | 4,810        | 4,380        | 5.9                   | 6.9          | 6.2          |
| Bamberg                        | 6,780        | 6,750        | 6,850        | 640          | 720          | 740          | 9.5                   | 10.6         | 10.8         |
| Barnwell                       | 9,170        | 9,110        | 8,900        | 1,060        | 1,240        | 1,300        | 11.6                  | 13.6         | 14.6         |
| Beaufort                       | 38,700       | 38,150       | 37,500       | 1,630        | 2,000        | 1,320        | 4.2                   | 5.2          | 3.5          |
| Berkeley                       | 55,430       | 54,920       | 54,770       | 3,090        | 3,720        | 2,270        | 5.6                   | 6.8          | 4.1          |
| Calhoun                        | 4,750        | 4,730        | 4,710        | 340          | 420          | 370          | 7.1                   | 8.9          | 7.9          |
| Charleston                     | 149,240      | 147,480      | 147,220      | 8,500        | 9,830        | 6,050        | 5.7                   | 6.7          | 4.1          |
| Cherokee                       | 23,050       | 22,890       | 23,230       | 1,300        | 1,610        | 1,530        | 5.6                   | 7.0          | 6.6          |
| Chester                        | 13,780       | 13,710       | 14,050       | 1,590        | 1,720        | 1,780        | 11.5                  | 12.5         | 12.7         |
| Chesterfield                   | 21,150       | 20,840       | 21,140       | 1,090        | 1,300        | 1,260        | 5.1                   | 6.3          | 6.0          |
| Clarendon                      | 12,000       | 11,890       | 12,080       | 1,170        | 1,380        | 1,000        | 9.7                   | 11.6         | 8.3          |
| Colleton                       | 18,610       | 18,420       | 18,450       | 1,420        | 1,610        | 1,490        | 7.6                   | 8.8          | 8.1          |
| Darlington                     | 30,530       | 29,900       | 29,390       | 2,250        | 2,670        | 2,120        | 7.4                   | 8.9          | 7.2          |
| Dillon                         | 13,990       | 13,820       | 14,190       | 1,300        | 1,510        | 1,300        | 9.3                   | 11.0         | 9.2          |
| Dorchester                     | 38,770       | 38,360       | 38,490       | 2,050        | 2,440        | 1,660        | 5.3                   | 6.4          | 4.3          |
| Edgefield                      | 7,090        | 7,020        | 6,860        | 370          | 400          | 350          | 5.2                   | 5.7          | 5.1          |
| Fairfield                      | 10,000       | 9,870        | 10,010       | 890          | 970          | 1,130        | 8.9                   | 9.8          | 11.3         |
| Florence MSA                   | 60,490       | 59,700       | 59,790       | 3,830        | 4,170        | 3,260        | 6.3                   | 7.0          | 5.5          |
| Georgetown                     | 24,130       | 24,150       | 22,800       | 1,760        | 2,260        | 1,790        | 7.3                   | 9.3          | 7.9          |
| Greenville                     | 179,300      | 177,400      | 178,490      | 8,970        | 10,270       | 8,030        | 5.0                   | 5.8          | 4.5          |
| Greenwood                      | 29,240       | 28,750       | 28,900       | 1,740        | 2,010        | 1,940        | 6.0                   | 7.0          | 6.7          |
| Hampton                        | 7,200        | 7,230        | 7,230        | 560          | 750          | 530          | 7.8                   | 10.4         | 7.3          |
| Horry                          | 80,710       | 79,140       | 77,030       | 5,220        | 7,260        | 4,770        | 6.5                   | 9.2          | 6.2          |
| Jasper                         | 6,600        | 6,510        | 6,210        | 380          | 440          | 290          | 5.8                   | 6.8          | 4.7          |
| Kershaw                        | 20,110       | 20,010       | 19,720       | 1,570        | 1,840        | 1,700        | 7.8                   | 9.2          | 8.6          |
| Lancaster                      | 25,550       | 25,350       | 25,740       | 2,170        | 2,520        | 1,980        | 8.5                   | 9.9          | 7.7          |
| Laurens                        | 24,240       | 23,950       | 24,550       | 1,650        | 1,920        | 1,540        | 6.8                   | 8.0          | 6.3          |
| Lee                            | 9,250        | 9,110        | 8,930        | 630          | 660          | 530          | 6.8                   | 7.3          | 5.9          |
| Lexington                      | 98,220       | 97,090       | 98,720       | 4,120        | 4,750        | 3,730        | 4.2                   | 4.9          | 3.8          |
| McCormick                      | 2,970        | 3,020        | 3,270        | 270          | 370          | 420          | 9.2                   | 12.1         | 12.8         |
| Marion                         | 15,070       | 14,990       | 15,490       | 1,940        | 2,260        | 1,910        | 12.9                  | 15.1         | 12.3         |
| Marlboro                       | 11,940       | 12,000       | 12,260       | 1,110        | 1,400        | 1,450        | 9.3                   | 11.6         | 11.8         |
| Newberry                       | 15,880       | 15,610       | 15,430       | 1,140        | 1,210        | 800          | 7.2                   | 7.8          | 5.2          |
| Oconee                         | 29,630       | 29,230       | 30,360       | 2,480        | 2,530        | 2,210        | 8.4                   | 8.7          | 7.3          |
| Orangeburg                     | 40,870       | 40,340       | 41,060       | 3,060        | 3,470        | 2,860        | 7.5                   | 8.6          | 7.0          |
| Pickens                        | 50,090       | 49,450       | 50,100       | 2,440        | 2,700        | 2,420        | 4.9                   | 5.5          | 4.8          |
| Richland                       | 146,950      | 145,440      | 147,330      | 8,910        | 8,010        | 5,960        | 4.7                   | 5.5          | 4.0          |
| Saluda                         | 9,340        | 9,210        | 8,680        | 390          | 440          | 430          | 4.2                   | 4.8          | 5.0          |
| Spartanburg                    | 115,490      | 114,640      | 117,570      | 5,330        | 6,550        | 7,330        | 4.6                   | 5.7          | 6.2          |
| Sumter                         | 40,370       | 40,090       | 38,670       | 3,230        | 3,700        | 3,590        | 8.0                   | 9.2          | 9.3          |
| Union                          | 14,390       | 14,230       | 13,980       | 1,190        | 1,280        | 1,320        | 8.3                   | 9.0          | 9.4          |
| Williamsburg                   | 16,650       | 16,560       | 16,610       | 1,180        | 1,430        | 1,440        | 7.1                   | 8.6          | 8.7          |
| York                           | 74,160       | 73,270       | 72,620       | 4,790        | 5,480        | 3,780        | 6.5                   | 7.5          | 5.2          |
| Charleston MSA                 | 243,440      | 240,760      | 240,490      | 13,640       | 15,990       | 9,990        | 5.6                   | 6.6          | 4.2          |
| Columbia MSA                   | 245,170      | 242,580      | 246,050      | 11,030       | 12,760       | 9,690        | 4.5                   | 5.3          | 3.9          |
| Greenville MSA                 | 344,890      | 341,490      | 346,170      | 16,740       | 19,520       | 17,790       | 4.9                   | 5.7          | 5.1          |
| South Carolina<br>(seas. adj.) | 1,761,100    | 1,746,400    | 1,747,500    | 111,800      | 122,000      | 106,300      | 6.3                   | 7.0          | 6.1          |



### Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in South Carolina April 1992

|                                           | Apr.<br>1992     | Mar.<br>1992     | Apr.<br>1991     | Net Changes From: |                |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                                           |                  |                  |                  | Mar.<br>1992      | Apr.<br>1991   |
| <b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>   | <b>1,497,600</b> | <b>1,495,900</b> | <b>1,512,900</b> | <b>+1,700</b>     | <b>-15,300</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>                      | <b>1,210,200</b> | <b>1,207,000</b> | <b>1,222,900</b> | <b>+3,200</b>     | <b>-12,700</b> |
| <b>Mining</b>                             | <b>1,700</b>     | <b>1,800</b>     | <b>1,800</b>     | <b>-100</b>       | <b>-100</b>    |
| <b>Construction</b>                       | <b>81,400</b>    | <b>82,200</b>    | <b>90,800</b>    | <b>-800</b>       | <b>-9,400</b>  |
| Heavy Construction, Excluding Building    | 10,000           | 10,000           | 11,300           | 0                 | -1,300         |
| Highway and Street Construction           | 2,600            | 2,400            | 2,800            | +200              | -200           |
| Heavy Construction, Excluding Highway     | 7,400            | 7,600            | 8,500            | -200              | -1,100         |
| Special Trade Contractors                 | 41,400           | 41,600           | 44,400           | -200              | -3,000         |
| Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning       | 10,300           | 10,300           | 11,300           | 0                 | -1,000         |
| Electrical Work                           | 9,900            | 9,700            | 9,900            | +200              | 0              |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>                      | <b>364,600</b>   | <b>365,400</b>   | <b>365,600</b>   | <b>-800</b>       | <b>-1,000</b>  |
| <b>Durable Goods</b>                      | <b>127,200</b>   | <b>127,300</b>   | <b>129,600</b>   | <b>-100</b>       | <b>-2,400</b>  |
| Lumber and Wood Products                  | 13,800           | 13,900           | 13,900           | -100              | -100           |
| Sawmills and Planing Mills                | 4,300            | 4,300            | 4,500            | 0                 | -200           |
| Millwork, Plywood, and Structural Members | 2,900            | 2,900            | 3,100            | 0                 | -200           |
| Furniture and Fixtures                    | 4,000            | 4,000            | 4,000            | 0                 | 0              |
| Household Furniture                       | 2,900            | 2,900            | 2,900            | 0                 | 0              |
| Stone, Clay, and Glass Products           | 9,200            | 9,200            | 9,500            | 0                 | -300           |
| Glass and Glassware, Pressed or Blown     | 3,100            | 3,100            | 3,300            | 0                 | -200           |
| Concrete, Gypsum, and Plaster Products    | 2,400            | 2,400            | 2,600            | 0                 | -200           |
| Primary Metal Industries                  | 8,900            | 9,100            | 8,800            | -200              | +100           |
| Fabricated Metal Products                 | 16,200           | 16,300           | 16,500           | -100              | -300           |
| Cutlery, Hand Tools, and Hardware         | 2,300            | 2,300            | 2,500            | 0                 | -200           |
| Fabricated Structural Metal Products      | 6,000            | 6,100            | 6,200            | -100              | -200           |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment        | 34,800           | 34,700           | 36,000           | +100              | -1,200         |
| Metalworking Machinery                    | 5,900            | 5,900            | 6,300            | 0                 | -400           |
| Special Industry Machinery                | 5,300            | 5,300            | 5,700            | 0                 | -400           |
| General Industrial Machinery              | 7,300            | 7,300            | 7,500            | 0                 | -200           |
| Electronic and Other Electric Equipment   | 21,700           | 21,400           | 21,500           | +300              | +200           |
| Electrical Industrial Apparatus           | 2,200            | 2,200            | 2,400            | 0                 | -200           |
| Household Appliances                      | 3,500            | 3,300            | 3,000            | +200              | +500           |
| Electronic Components and Accessories     | 7,200            | 7,200            | 7,300            | 0                 | -100           |
| Transportation Equipment                  | 9,700            | 9,700            | 10,300           | 0                 | -600           |
| Instruments and Related Products          | 5,500            | 5,500            | 5,600            | 0                 | -100           |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries    | 3,400            | 3,500            | 3,500            | -100              | -100           |
| <b>Nondurable Goods</b>                   | <b>237,400</b>   | <b>238,100</b>   | <b>236,000</b>   | <b>-700</b>       | <b>+1,400</b>  |
| Food and Kindred Products                 | 14,200           | 14,300           | 14,200           | -100              | 0              |
| Meat Products                             | 5,300            | 5,300            | 5,200            | 0                 | +100           |
| Beverages                                 | 1,900            | 2,100            | 2,200            | -200              | -300           |
| Textile Mill Products                     | 91,900           | 92,200           | 93,000           | -300              | -1,100         |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton           | 23,200           | 23,500           | 24,600           | -300              | -1,400         |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade          | 22,500           | 22,700           | 23,100           | -200              | -600           |
| Knitting Mills                            | 7,000            | 7,100            | 7,000            | -100              | 0              |
| Textile Finishing, Except Wool            | 15,000           | 15,000           | 14,900           | 0                 | +100           |
| Finishing Plants, Cotton                  | 7,700            | 7,700            | 7,800            | 0                 | -100           |
| Finishing Plants, Manmade                 | 6,500            | 6,500            | 6,300            | 0                 | +200           |
| Yarn and Thread Mills                     | 9,900            | 9,800            | 9,700            | +100              | +200           |
| Yarn Spinning Mills                       | 9,200            | 9,100            | 9,100            | +100              | +100           |
| Miscellaneous Textile Goods               | 7,000            | 7,000            | 6,900            | 0                 | +100           |
| Apparel and Other Textile Products        | 37,700           | 37,900           | 36,600           | -200              | +1,100         |
| Men's and Boys' Furnishings               | 9,700            | 9,900            | 9,000            | -200              | +700           |
| Men's and Boys' Shirts                    | 5,200            | 5,300            | 5,200            | -100              | 0              |
| Women's and Misses' Outerwear             | 11,500           | 11,800           | 11,600           | -300              | -100           |
| Women's and Misses' Blouses and Shirts    | 3,400            | 3,500            | 3,300            | -100              | +100           |
| Women's and Children's Undergarments      | 1,700            | 1,800            | 1,700            | -100              | 0              |
| Girls and Children's Outerwear            | 2,000            | 1,900            | 1,900            | +100              | +100           |
| Miscellaneous Apparel and Accessories     | 2,200            | 2,100            | 2,100            | +100              | +100           |
| Miscellaneous Fabricated Textile Products | 9,600            | 9,500            | 9,600            | +100              | 0              |

# **Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment in South Carolina (continued)**

|                                                      | Apr.<br>1992   | Mar.<br>1992   | Apr.<br>1991   | Net Changes From: |               |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
|                                                      |                |                |                | Mar.<br>1992      | Apr.<br>1991  |
| Paper and Allied Products                            | 17,300         | 17,400         | 17,200         | -100              | +100          |
| Paperboard Mills                                     | 3,100          | 3,100          | 3,200          | 0                 | -100          |
| Paperboard Containers and Boxes                      | 5,900          | 5,900          | 5,900          | 0                 | 0             |
| Miscellaneous Converted Paper Products               | 4,800          | 4,800          | 4,600          | 0                 | +200          |
| Printing and Publishing                              | 11,200         | 11,300         | 11,700         | -100              | -500          |
| Newspapers                                           | 4,200          | 4,200          | 4,400          | 0                 | -200          |
| Commercial Printing                                  | 4,600          | 4,600          | 4,800          | 0                 | -200          |
| Chemicals and Allied Products                        | 41,300         | 41,200         | 39,900         | +100              | +1,400        |
| Plastics Materials and Synthetics                    | 15,000         | 15,100         | 14,900         | -100              | +100          |
| Industrial Organic Chemicals                         | 3,200          | 3,200          | 3,100          | 0                 | +100          |
| Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products           | 23,000         | 23,000         | 22,600         | 0                 | +400          |
| Fabricated Rubber Products, Not Elsewhere Classified | 2,900          | 3,000          | 2,800          | -100              | +100          |
| Misc. Plastics Products, Not Elsewhere Classified    | 10,000         | 10,000         | 9,900          | 0                 | +100          |
| <b>Transportation and Public Utilities</b>           | <b>63,200</b>  | <b>63,400</b>  | <b>65,000</b>  | <b>-200</b>       | <b>-1,800</b> |
| Trucking and Warehousing                             | 19,500         | 19,600         | 19,400         | -100              | +100          |
| Water Transportation                                 | 3,700          | 3,500          | 3,300          | +200              | +400          |
| Communications                                       | 13,000         | 13,100         | 13,600         | -100              | -600          |
| Telephone Communications                             | 8,500          | 8,500          | 9,100          | 0                 | -600          |
| Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services                 | 15,100         | 15,400         | 16,400         | -300              | -1,300        |
| Electric Services                                    | 8,400          | 8,600          | 9,800          | -200              | -1,400        |
| Combination Utility Services                         | 4,200          | 4,300          | 4,200          | -100              | 0             |
| <b>Wholesale and Retail Trade</b>                    | <b>332,000</b> | <b>328,800</b> | <b>339,300</b> | <b>+3,200</b>     | <b>-7,300</b> |
| Wholesale Trade                                      | 56,700         | 56,800         | 58,600         | -100              | -1,900        |
| Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods                        | 31,400         | 31,300         | 32,200         | +100              | -800          |
| Machinery, Equipment, and Supplies                   | 9,100          | 9,000          | 9,500          | +100              | -400          |
| Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods                     | 25,300         | 25,500         | 26,400         | -200              | -1,100        |
| Groceries and Related Products                       | 8,500          | 8,600          | 9,000          | -100              | -500          |
| Groceries, General Line                              | 4,300          | 4,300          | 4,400          | 0                 | -100          |
| Petroleum and Petroleum Products                     | 3,200          | 3,300          | 3,300          | -100              | -100          |
| Retail Trade                                         | 275,300        | 272,000        | 280,700        | +3,300            | -5,400        |
| Building Materials and Garden Supplies               | 11,100         | 11,000         | 11,700         | +100              | -600          |
| Lumber and Other Building Materials                  | 6,300          | 6,200          | 6,200          | +100              | +100          |
| General Merchandise Stores                           | 33,700         | 33,600         | 35,200         | +100              | -1,500        |
| Food Stores                                          | 52,100         | 51,500         | 50,700         | +600              | +1,400        |
| Grocery Stores                                       | 49,100         | 48,600         | 47,800         | +500              | +1,300        |
| <b>Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate</b>           | <b>65,200</b>  | <b>65,300</b>  | <b>65,700</b>  | <b>-100</b>       | <b>-500</b>   |
| Depository Institutions                              | 22,100         | 22,200         | 22,500         | -100              | -400          |
| Commercial Banks                                     | 15,100         | 15,200         | 15,400         | -100              | -300          |
| National Commercial Banks                            | 9,000          | 9,000          | 9,300          | 0                 | -300          |
| Insurance Carriers                                   | 13,300         | 13,300         | 13,200         | 0                 | +100          |
| Life Insurance                                       | 5,500          | 5,500          | 5,400          | 0                 | +100          |
| <b>Services</b>                                      | <b>302,100</b> | <b>300,100</b> | <b>294,700</b> | <b>+2,000</b>     | <b>+7,400</b> |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places                      | 23,300         | 21,800         | 24,700         | +1,500            | -1,400        |
| Health Services                                      | 64,100         | 63,600         | 61,100         | +500              | +3,000        |
| Nursing and Personal Care Facilities                 | 12,200         | 12,200         | 11,800         | 0                 | +400          |
| Hospitals                                            | 23,000         | 23,000         | 21,700         | 0                 | +1,300        |
| Educational Services                                 | 27,000         | 27,000         | 23,600         | 0                 | +3,400        |
| Colleges and Universities                            | 16,000         | 16,000         | 14,000         | 0                 | +2,000        |
| <b>Total Government</b>                              | <b>267,400</b> | <b>268,900</b> | <b>290,000</b> | <b>-1,500</b>     | <b>-2,600</b> |
| Total Federal Government                             | 35,800         | 36,000         | 38,400         | -200              | -2,600        |
| Total State and Local Government                     | 251,600        | 252,900        | 251,600        | -1,300            | 0             |
| Total State Government                               | 102,300        | 102,400        | 99,300         | -100              | +3,000        |
| State Government Education                           | 43,500         | 43,800         | 40,300         | -300              | +3,200        |
| Other State Government                               | 58,800         | 58,600         | 59,000         | +200              | -200          |
| Total Local Government                               | 149,300        | 150,500        | 152,300        | -1,200            | -3,000        |
| Local Government Education                           | 80,300         | 81,700         | 85,800         | -1,400            | -5,500        |
| Other Local Government                               | 69,000         | 68,800         | 66,500         | +200              | +2,500        |



**Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment  
In South Carolina  
April 1992**

|                                           | Apr.<br>1992     | Mar.<br>1992     | Apr.<br>1991     | Net Change From: |                |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                                           |                  |                  |                  | Mar.<br>1992     | Apr.<br>1991   |
| <b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>   | <b>1,497,400</b> | <b>1,503,300</b> | <b>1,512,000</b> | <b>-5,900</b>    | <b>-14,600</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>                      | <b>1,214,800</b> | <b>1,220,300</b> | <b>1,226,600</b> | <b>-5,500</b>    | <b>-11,800</b> |
| Construction                              | 82,700           | 82,800           | 92,100           | -100             | -9,400         |
| Manufacturing                             | 366,700          | 367,300          | 367,600          | -600             | -900           |
| Durable Goods                             | 127,800          | 127,400          | 130,200          | +400             | -2,400         |
| Lumber and Wood Products                  | 13,900           | 13,900           | 14,000           | 0                | -100           |
| Furniture and Fixtures                    | 4,000            | 4,100            | 4,000            | -100             | 0              |
| Stone, Clay, and Glass Products           | 9,200            | 9,200            | 9,500            | 0                | -300           |
| Primary Metal Industries                  | 9,000            | 9,100            | 8,900            | -100             | +100           |
| Fabricated Metal Products                 | 16,400           | 16,300           | 16,700           | +100             | -300           |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment        | 34,600           | 34,600           | 35,800           | 0                | -1,200         |
| Special Industry Machinery                | 5,300            | 5,300            | 5,700            | 0                | -400           |
| Electronic and Other Electric Equipment   | 21,900           | 21,600           | 21,700           | +300             | +200           |
| Nondurable Goods                          | 238,900          | 239,900          | 237,400          | -1,000           | +1,500         |
| Food and Kindred Products                 | 14,400           | 14,500           | 14,400           | -100             | 0              |
| Textile Mill Products                     | 92,300           | 92,900           | 93,400           | -600             | -1,100         |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton           | 23,400           | 23,600           | 24,800           | -200             | -1,400         |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade          | 22,600           | 22,900           | 23,200           | -300             | -600           |
| Knitting Mills                            | 7,000            | 7,200            | 7,000            | -200             | 0              |
| Textile Finishing, Except Wool            | 15,000           | 15,000           | 14,900           | 0                | +100           |
| Yarn and Thread Mills                     | 9,900            | 9,800            | 9,700            | +100             | +200           |
| Apparel and Other Textile Products        | 38,100           | 38,100           | 36,900           | 0                | +1,200         |
| Men's and Boys' Furnishings               | 9,600            | 9,900            | 8,900            | -300             | +700           |
| Women's and Misses' Outerwear             | 11,600           | 11,700           | 11,600           | -100             | 0              |
| Miscellaneous Fabricated Textile Products | 9,700            | 9,600            | 9,700            | +100             | 0              |
| Paper and Allied Products                 | 17,300           | 17,500           | 17,200           | -200             | +100           |
| Printing and Publishing                   | 11,300           | 11,400           | 11,800           | -100             | -500           |
| Chemicals and Allied Products             | 41,800           | 41,500           | 40,400           | +300             | +1,400         |
| Plastic Materials and Synthetics          | 15,100           | 15,200           | 15,000           | -100             | +100           |
| Transportation and Public Utilities       | 63,600           | 63,800           | 65,400           | -200             | -1,800         |
| Trucking and Warehousing                  | 19,700           | 19,900           | 19,600           | -200             | +100           |
| Communication                             | 13,100           | 13,200           | 13,700           | -100             | -600           |
| Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services      | 15,100           | 15,300           | 16,400           | -200             | -1,300         |
| Wholesale and Retail Trade                | 334,100          | 335,800          | 341,500          | -1,700           | -7,400         |
| Wholesale Trade                           | 57,100           | 57,100           | 59,000           | 0                | -1,900         |
| Retail Trade                              | 277,000          | 278,700          | 282,300          | -1,700           | -5,300         |
| General Merchandise Stores                | 35,100           | 34,500           | 36,700           | +600             | -1,600         |
| Food Stores                               | 52,400           | 53,000           | 50,900           | -600             | +1,500         |
| Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate       | 65,600           | 65,900           | 66,100           | -300             | -500           |
| Insurance Carriers                        | 10,400           | 13,400           | 13,300           | 0                | +100           |
| Services                                  | 300,400          | 302,900          | 292,800          | -2,500           | +7,600         |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places           | 22,400           | 22,800           | 23,700           | -400             | -1,300         |
| Educational Services                      | 26,000           | 26,000           | 22,700           | 0                | +3,300         |
| <b>Total Government</b>                   | <b>282,600</b>   | <b>283,000</b>   | <b>284,600</b>   | <b>-400</b>      | <b>-2,000</b>  |
| Total Federal Government                  | 35,800           | 36,000           | 38,400           | -200             | -2,600         |
| Total State Government                    | 101,200          | 101,300          | 98,100           | -100             | +3,100         |
| Total Local Government                    | 145,600          | 145,700          | 148,500          | -100             | -2,900         |



**Estimated Number of Manufacturing Production Workers Employment  
and Average Hours and Earnings in South Carolina  
April 1992**

| Manufacturing Production Workers Employment |              |              |              |                                                    |        |  |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|--|
|                                             | Apr.<br>1992 | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 | Net Change From:<br>Mar.<br>1992      Apr.<br>1991 |        |  |
| Manufacturing                               | 274,000      | 274,600      | 275,200      | -600                                               | -1,200 |  |
| Durable Goods                               | 94,700       | 94,700       | 96,700       | 0                                                  | -2,000 |  |
| Lumber and Wood Products                    | 11,200       | 11,300       | 11,300       | -100                                               | -100   |  |
| Furniture and Fixtures                      | 2,700        | 2,700        | 2,700        | 0                                                  | 0      |  |
| Stone, Clay, and Glass Products             | 7,200        | 7,200        | 7,500        | 0                                                  | -300   |  |
| Fabricated Metal Products                   | 11,200       | 11,300       | 11,500       | -100                                               | -300   |  |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment          | 25,400       | 25,400       | 26,300       | 0                                                  | -900   |  |
| Special Industry Machinery                  | 3,500        | 3,500        | 3,800        | 0                                                  | -300   |  |
| Electronic and Other Electric Equipment     | 16,300       | 16,100       | 16,100       | +200                                               | +200   |  |
| Instruments and Related Products            | 4,300        | 4,200        | 4,300        | +100                                               | 0      |  |
| Nondurable Goods                            | 179,300      | 179,900      | 178,500      | -600                                               | +800   |  |
| Food and Kindred Products                   | 9,900        | 9,900        | 9,800        | 0                                                  | +100   |  |
| Textile Mill Products                       | 78,700       | 79,000       | 79,900       | -300                                               | -1,200 |  |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton             | 21,400       | 21,700       | 22,600       | -300                                               | -1,200 |  |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade            | 19,600       | 19,800       | 20,100       | -200                                               | -500   |  |
| Knitting Mills                              | 6,100        | 6,200        | 6,200        | -100                                               | -100   |  |
| Textile Finishing, Except Wool              | 12,100       | 12,000       | 12,100       | +100                                               | 0      |  |
| Yarn and Thread Mills                       | 8,500        | 8,400        | 8,200        | +100                                               | +300   |  |
| Apparel and Other Textile Products          | 31,000       | 31,200       | 30,200       | -200                                               | +800   |  |
| Men's and Boys' Furnishings                 | 8,700        | 8,800        | 8,100        | -100                                               | +600   |  |
| Women's and Misses' Outerwear               | 9,300        | 9,500        | 9,300        | -200                                               | 0      |  |
| Paper and Allied Products                   | 11,800       | 11,900       | 11,800       | -100                                               | 0      |  |
| Printing and Publishing                     | 6,100        | 6,100        | 6,200        | 0                                                  | -100   |  |
| Chemicals and Allied Products               | 23,900       | 23,900       | 23,200       | 0                                                  | +700   |  |

|                                    | Average Weekly<br>Earnings (\$) |              |              | Average Weekly<br>Hours |              |              | Average Hourly<br>Earnings (\$) |              |              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                    | Apr.<br>1992                    | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 | Apr.<br>1992            | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 | Apr.<br>1992                    | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 |
| Manufacturing                      | 390.10                          | 390.62       | 370.87       | 41.5                    | 41.6         | 40.8         | 9.40                            | 9.39         | 9.09         |
| Durable Goods                      | 407.60                          | 408.21       | 380.22       | 42.6                    | 42.7         | 41.6         | 9.57                            | 9.56         | 9.14         |
| Lumber and Wood Products           | 334.27                          | 334.96       | 323.53       | 42.1                    | 42.4         | 41.8         | 7.94                            | 7.90         | 7.74         |
| Furniture and Fixtures             | 287.52                          | 289.98       | 269.40       | 40.1                    | 40.5         | 39.1         | 7.17                            | 7.16         | 6.89         |
| Stone, Clay, and Glass Products    | 446.01                          | 444.52       | 422.09       | 41.8                    | 41.7         | 40.9         | 10.67                           | 10.66        | 10.32        |
| Fabricated Metal Products          | 395.60                          | 400.88       | 376.48       | 40.7                    | 41.2         | 40.7         | 9.72                            | 9.73         | 9.25         |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment | 441.66                          | 437.74       | 401.55       | 43.3                    | 43.0         | 41.1         | 10.20                           | 10.18        | 9.77         |
| Special Industry Machinery         | 441.23                          | 445.01       | 437.58       | 43.3                    | 43.8         | 44.2         | 10.19                           | 10.16        | 9.90         |
| Electronic and Other Elect. Equip. | 383.30                          | 386.91       | 368.88       | 42.4                    | 42.8         | 42.4         | 9.04                            | 9.04         | 8.70         |
| Instruments and Related Products   | 393.83                          | 395.16       | 374.00       | 44.3                    | 44.6         | 44.0         | 8.89                            | 8.86         | 8.50         |
| Nondurable Goods                   | 380.78                          | 381.30       | 366.02       | 40.9                    | 41.0         | 40.4         | 9.31                            | 9.30         | 9.06         |
| Food and Kindred Products          | 332.47                          | 337.40       | 318.27       | 41.3                    | 41.5         | 39.1         | 8.05                            | 8.13         | 8.14         |
| Textile Mill Products              | 362.56                          | 360.91       | 334.27       | 41.2                    | 41.2         | 39.7         | 8.80                            | 8.76         | 8.42         |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton    | 372.60                          | 363.37       | 339.16       | 41.4                    | 40.6         | 39.3         | 9.00                            | 8.95         | 8.63         |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade   | 380.83                          | 382.42       | 339.96       | 40.6                    | 40.9         | 38.5         | 9.38                            | 9.35         | 8.83         |
| Knitting Mills                     | 315.59                          | 316.17       | 283.02       | 41.8                    | 42.1         | 39.2         | 7.55                            | 7.51         | 7.22         |
| Textile Finishing, Except Wool     | 365.20                          | 373.09       | 368.01       | 41.5                    | 42.3         | 42.3         | 8.80                            | 8.82         | 8.70         |
| Yarn and Thread Mills              | 311.18                          | 313.80       | 300.89       | 40.1                    | 40.7         | 39.8         | 7.76                            | 7.71         | 7.56         |
| Apparel and Other Textile Products | 236.11                          | 239.77       | 225.83       | 37.3                    | 37.7         | 36.9         | 6.33                            | 6.36         | 6.12         |
| Men's and Boys' Furnishings        | 249.10                          | 251.13       | 224.96       | 38.8                    | 39.3         | 38.0         | 6.42                            | 6.39         | 5.92         |
| Women's and Misses' Outerwear      | 208.88                          | 211.50       | 205.13       | 37.3                    | 37.7         | 37.5         | 5.60                            | 5.61         | 5.47         |
| Paper and Allied Products          | 603.82                          | 603.37       | 582.40       | 45.4                    | 45.4         | 44.8         | 13.30                           | 13.29        | 13.00        |
| Printing and Publishing            | 384.15                          | 381.79       | 369.20       | 39.0                    | 38.8         | 38.7         | 9.85                            | 9.84         | 9.54         |
| Chemicals and Allied Products      | 506.30                          | 506.72       | 498.46       | 41.5                    | 41.5         | 41.4         | 12.20                           | 12.21        | 12.04        |



## Agricultural News

Approximately 2,259 seasonal farmworkers were employed throughout South Carolina in April.

### Weather Conditions...

April brought an array of weather conditions, with cool temperatures early continuing from March, warmer during the mid-month, and record low temperatures recorded in the last few days of the month. Precipitation ranged from sparse, scattered rain to heavy showers and thunderstorms. By the week ending April 26, 1992, soil moisture ratings were 9 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. An average of 5.6 days were available for fieldwork activities.

### Field Crops...

Corn, tobacco, and peanut planting were all ahead of the normal pace for the time of year, with corn planting well ahead of the five-year average. By the end of the month, the crops were reported as 90 percent, 94 percent, and 54 percent planted, respectively. Crop conditions for corn and tobacco were rated as fair to good.

### Fruits and Vegetables...

The year's peach crop was damaged by frost; however, the extent of damage was undetermined. Cantaloup, watermelon, tomato, and snap bean planting were all ahead of the normal pace. The crop condition for each of these was rated as fair to good, except for tomatoes, which were rated as good. Cucumber planting was behind the normal pace for the time of year, with the crop condition rated as fair to good.

### Small Grains and Pastures...

Wheat and oat heading held steadily behind the normal pace, with both crops rated as fair to good. Some of the wheat crop was sprayed to control cereal leaf beetles. Also, septoria, powdery mildew, and leaf rust were reported in a few fields. Rye was turning color on 24 percent of the acreage, with the crop condition rated as fair to good. Pastures maintained a fair-to-good rating throughout April.

South Carolina Weekly Crop Statistics  
Week Ending April 26, 1992

| Crop           | Phase         | Percent Completed (%) |          |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                |               | Current               | Year Ago |
| Barley         | Turning Color | 4                     | 3        |
| Cantaloups     | Planted       | 74                    | 73       |
| Corn           | Planted       | 94                    | 88       |
| Cotton         | Planted       | 10                    | 14       |
| Cucumbers      | Planted       | 74                    | 75       |
| Grain Hay      | Harvested     | 15                    | 15       |
| Oats           | Headed        | 67                    | 71       |
| Oats           | Turning Color | 3                     | 5        |
| Peanuts        | Planted       | 16                    | 25       |
| Rye            | Turning Color | 11                    | 9        |
| Snap Beans     | Planted       | 58                    | 56       |
| Sorghum        | Planted       | 1                     | 12       |
| Sweet Potatoes | Planted       | 4                     | 12       |
| Tobacco        | Planted       | 80                    | 83       |
| Tomatoes       | Planted       | 96                    | 97       |
| Watermelons    | Planted       | 83                    | 84       |
| Wheat          | Headed        | 58                    | 77       |
| Wheat          | Turning Color | 2                     | 4        |



## Metropolitan Statistical Area News

### Summary

Nonfarm employment in the major metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) showed mixed trends in April, as substantial gains in trade and services were closely matched by strong losses in construction and manufacturing. Despite the losses, overall growth in the metro areas totaled 500 jobs, pushing the total jobcount to 777,600.

### Charleston MSA

(includes Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties)

The Charleston metro area recorded an increase of 700 nonfarm jobs during April with 70% of its expansion in services. Tourism sparked much of the growth, as hotels and lodging places contributed 500 additional service jobs. Likewise, trade in the tri-county area was influenced by tourism activity, showing employment gains of 300, solely in retail. Additional workers were hired in manufacturing and in the finance, insurance, and real estate industry, boosting jobs by 100 in each of these divisions. Employment decreases, however, were seen in construction (-200), largely the result of completed projects for general building contractors and heavy construction workers. Charleston's public sector also lost 100 jobs as continued military cutbacks affected federal government. Transportation and public utilities remained unchanged from March.

Solid job gains lowered the MSA's unemployment rate during the month, causing it to fall 1.0 percentage point to 5.6%. Of the counties, Berkeley's unemployment rate saw the largest decline, dropping from 6.8% to 5.6%. Charleston County's rate decreased from 6.7% to 5.7%, and Dorchester continued to boast the lowest rate of 5.3%, down 1.1 percentage point from March.

### Columbia MSA

(includes Lexington and Richland counties)

Columbia's nonfarm employment rose to 242,500 over the month, up 600 from March's level. As in Charleston, Columbia's growth stemmed mainly from expansion in services which created 400 jobs in April. Seasonal increases also accounted for 200 more workers in both trade, and transportation and public utilities. Employment in Columbia's public sector also grew during the month, offering 100 new positions in nonschool local government. Downturns, nonetheless, were experienced in the area. Manufacturing in Columbia lost 200 workers in durable goods, while finance, insurance, and real estate suffered job declines of 100. Construction employment held steady throughout the month.

Columbia's employment felt the effects of the additional jobs in the area, as its unemployment rate dropped from 5.3% to 4.5%. Both Richland and Lexington counties' rates decreased, declining 0.8 and 0.7 percentage point, respectively, to 4.7% and 4.2%.

### Greenville-Spartanburg MSA

(includes Greenville, Pickens, and Spartanburg counties)

Total nonfarm jobs decreased in the Greenville-Spartanburg area over the month, falling 800 to 330,100. This significant drop was attributed to sizable declines in the manufacturing and construction industries. Less business in nondurable goods resulted in 600 fewer workers in manufacturing. Business slowdowns also affected construction, reducing employment for general and special building contractors by 300. Decreased hiring was also evident in the area's service industry, posting a 200-job loss, primarily in business services. Because of school and nonschool declines, the MSA's public sector had 200 fewer employees as well. In addition, employment in transportation and public utilities fell 100. Trade (+600) was the only industry contributing additional jobs to the nonfarm job count. The area's finance, insurance, and real estate industry registered no employment changes during the month.

Although Greenville-Spartanburg lost jobs in April, its unemployment rate managed to decrease also, moving from 5.7% to 4.9%. Spartanburg's rate fell the most, dropping from 5.7% to 4.6%. Greenville and Pickens counties saw lower unemployment likewise, as their rates slid 0.8% and 0.6%, respectively, to 5.0% and 4.9%.



**Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment  
in the Major Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
April 1992**

|                                                           | Greenville-Spartanburg |                |                | Columbia       |                |                | Charleston     |                |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                           | Apr.<br>1992           | Mar.<br>1992   | Apr.<br>1991   | Apr.<br>1992   | Mar.<br>1992   | Apr.<br>1991   | Apr.<br>1992   | Mar.<br>1992   | Apr.<br>1991   |
| <b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>                   | <b>330,100</b>         | <b>330,900</b> | <b>329,400</b> | <b>242,500</b> | <b>241,900</b> | <b>245,100</b> | <b>205,000</b> | <b>204,300</b> | <b>205,100</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>                                      | <b>285,000</b>         | <b>285,600</b> | <b>285,400</b> | <b>174,800</b> | <b>174,300</b> | <b>175,000</b> | <b>149,700</b> | <b>148,900</b> | <b>150,600</b> |
| Construction and Mining                                   | 21,900                 | 22,200         | 24,700         | 11,300         | 11,300         | 12,800         | 13,100         | 13,300         | 14,100         |
| Special Trade Contractors                                 | 10,300                 | 10,400         | 10,700         |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>                                      | <b>93,700</b>          | <b>94,300</b>  | <b>94,900</b>  | <b>25,800</b>  | <b>26,000</b>  | <b>26,300</b>  | <b>20,400</b>  | <b>20,300</b>  | <b>21,000</b>  |
| Durable Goods                                             | 32,300                 | 32,400         | 32,700         | 11,700         | 11,900         | 12,000         | 11,100         | 11,000         | 11,600         |
| Lumber and Wood Products                                  | 1,300                  | 1,300          | 1,400          | 600            | 600            | 600            | 1,900          | 1,900          | 2,100          |
| Stone, Clay, and Glass Products                           |                        |                |                |                |                |                | 800            | 800            | 900            |
| Primary Metal Industries and<br>Fabricated Metal Products | 6,000                  | 6,000          | 6,000          | 3,800          | 3,900          | 3,900          |                |                |                |
| Industrial Machinery and Equip.                           | 13,000                 | 13,100         | 12,800         | 2,800          | 2,800          | 3,000          | 2,700          | 2,700          | 2,700          |
| Metaworking Machinery                                     | 2,500                  | 2,500          | 2,400          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Special Industry Machinery                                | 3,800                  | 3,800          | 4,100          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Computer and Office Equipment                             |                        |                |                | 1,100          | 1,100          | 1,300          |                |                |                |
| Transportation Equipment                                  |                        |                |                |                |                |                | 1,800          | 1,800          | 2,000          |
| Electronic and Other Electric Equip.                      | 6,400                  | 6,400          | 6,800          | 2,000          | 2,000          | 1,700          |                |                |                |
| Nondurable Goods                                          | 61,400                 | 61,900         | 62,200         | 14,100         | 14,100         | 14,300         | 9,300          | 9,300          | 9,400          |
| Food and Kindred Products                                 | 2,300                  | 2,300          | 2,400          | 1,300          | 1,400          | 1,400          |                |                |                |
| Textile Mill Products                                     | 28,000                 | 27,900         | 28,100         | 1,800          | 1,800          | 1,700          | 2,400          | 2,400          | 2,400          |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton                           | 9,000                  | 9,100          | 9,200          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Man.                             | 7,000                  | 7,000          | 6,800          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Knitting Mills                                            | 1,100                  | 1,100          | 1,100          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Textile Finishing, except Wool                            | 3,100                  | 3,100          | 3,400          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Carpets and Rugs                                          | 2,000                  | 2,000          | 1,900          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Yarn and Thread Mills                                     | 2,700                  | 2,600          | 2,600          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Apparel and Other Textile Products                        | 5,900                  | 6,200          | 6,200          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          |                |                |                |
| Men's and Boys' Furnishings                               | 700                    | 700            | 600            |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Women's and Children's Outer<br>and Underwear             | 2,500                  | 2,700          | 2,800          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Paper and Allied Products                                 | 5,000                  | 5,100          | 4,900          | 2,200          | 2,100          | 2,100          | 1,900          | 1,900          | 1,800          |
| Misc. Converted Paper Products                            | 3,700                  | 3,700          | 3,500          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Printing and Publishing                                   |                        |                |                | 2,500          | 2,400          | 2,500          |                |                |                |
| Chemicals and Allied Products                             | 7,800                  | 7,800          | 8,100          | 2,600          | 2,600          | 2,700          | 1,900          | 1,900          | 1,800          |
| Plastics Materials and Synthetics                         | 4,000                  | 4,000          | 4,100          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| <b>Transportation and Public Utilities</b>                | <b>13,900</b>          | <b>14,000</b>  | <b>14,300</b>  | <b>10,600</b>  | <b>10,400</b>  | <b>11,100</b>  | <b>10,500</b>  | <b>10,500</b>  | <b>10,900</b>  |
| Communications                                            |                        |                |                | 3,200          | 3,200          | 3,400          |                |                |                |
| <b>Wholesale and Retail Trade</b>                         | <b>78,000</b>          | <b>77,400</b>  | <b>76,500</b>  | <b>54,600</b>  | <b>54,400</b>  | <b>54,100</b>  | <b>49,100</b>  | <b>48,800</b>  | <b>49,600</b>  |
| Wholesale Trade                                           | 18,300                 | 18,300         | 18,300         | 12,800         | 12,800         | 12,900         | 7,900          | 8,000          | 8,400          |
| Retail Trade                                              | 59,700                 | 59,100         | 58,200         | 41,800         | 41,600         | 41,200         | 41,200         | 40,800         | 41,200         |
| General Merchandise Stores                                | 6,900                  | 6,900          | 6,600          | 5,600          | 5,500          | 5,500          |                |                |                |
| Food Stores                                               |                        |                |                | 6,300          | 6,200          | 6,000          |                |                |                |
| <b>Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate</b>                | <b>12,400</b>          | <b>12,400</b>  | <b>12,200</b>  | <b>19,600</b>  | <b>19,700</b>  | <b>19,400</b>  | <b>7,600</b>   | <b>7,500</b>   | <b>7,800</b>   |
| Insurance Carriers                                        |                        |                |                | 6,400          | 6,300          | 6,000          |                |                |                |
| <b>Services</b>                                           | <b>65,100</b>          | <b>65,300</b>  | <b>62,800</b>  | <b>52,900</b>  | <b>52,500</b>  | <b>51,300</b>  | <b>49,000</b>  | <b>48,500</b>  | <b>47,200</b>  |
| Health Services                                           | 12,800                 | 12,900         | 12,400         | 10,500         | 10,500         | 10,000         |                |                |                |
| Hospitals                                                 | 4,000                  | 4,000          | 3,800          |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Membership Organizations                                  |                        |                |                | 3,400          | 3,300          | 3,000          |                |                |                |
| <b>Total Government</b>                                   | <b>45,100</b>          | <b>45,300</b>  | <b>44,000</b>  | <b>67,700</b>  | <b>67,600</b>  | <b>70,100</b>  | <b>55,300</b>  | <b>55,400</b>  | <b>54,500</b>  |
| Total Federal Government                                  | 2,100                  | 2,100          | 2,100          | 8,200          | 8,200          | 8,000          | 17,000         | 17,100         | 18,500         |
| Total State and Local Government                          | 43,000                 | 43,200         | 41,900         | 59,500         | 59,400         | 62,100         | 38,300         | 38,300         | 36,000         |
| Total State Government                                    | 14,600                 | 14,600         | 13,100         | 39,500         | 39,500         | 40,100         | 18,600         | 18,700         | 17,000         |
| Total Local Government                                    | 28,400                 | 28,600         | 28,800         | 20,000         | 19,900         | 22,000         | 19,700         | 19,600         | 19,000         |

**Estimated Number of Manufacturing Production Workers  
and Average Hours and Earnings in Major Metropolitan Statistical Areas  
April 1992**

|                                       | Number of<br>Production Workers |              |              | Average Hours<br>Worked Per Week |              |              | Average Weekly<br>Earnings (Dollars) |              |              | Average Hourly<br>Earnings (Dollars) |              |              |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       | Apr.<br>1992                    | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 | Apr.<br>1992                     | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 | Apr.<br>1992                         | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 | Apr.<br>1992                         | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 |
| <b>Greenville-Spartanburg</b>         |                                 |              |              |                                  |              |              |                                      |              |              |                                      |              |              |
| Manufacturing                         | 71,700                          | 72,000       | 71,300       | 41.9                             | 42.0         | 40.3         | 401.82                               | 402.36       | 366.73       | 9.59                                 | 9.58         | 9.10         |
| Durable Goods                         | 23,000                          | 23,000       | 23,200       | 43.9                             | 44.4         | 41.9         | 449.54                               | 455.10       | 408.94       | 10.24                                | 10.25        | 9.76         |
| Industrial Machinery<br>and Equipment | 9,500                           | 9,500        | 9,500        | 45.0                             | 45.6         | 43.7         | 489.15                               | 497.04       | 461.04       | 10.87                                | 10.90        | 10.55        |
| Special Industry Machinery            | 2,500                           | 2,500        | 2,700        | 45.7                             | 46.1         | 44.1         | 463.86                               | 466.53       | 434.83       | 10.15                                | 10.12        | 9.86         |
| Nondurable Goods                      | 48,700                          | 49,000       | 48,100       | 41.0                             | 40.9         | 39.5         | 379.66                               | 377.92       | 346.02       | 9.26                                 | 9.24         | 8.76         |
| Textile Mill Products                 | 24,700                          | 24,700       | 24,200       | 40.1                             | 40.1         | 39.0         | 359.30                               | 359.30       | 332.28       | 8.96                                 | 8.96         | 8.52         |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills,<br>Manmade   | 6,400                           | 6,400        | 6,000        | 39.2                             | 39.7         | 39.8         | 357.50                               | 360.87       | 343.87       | 9.12                                 | 9.09         | 8.64         |
| Knitting Mills                        | 900                             | 900          | 900          | 35.0                             | 35.0         | 35.5         | 265.65                               | 265.65       | 264.83       | 7.59                                 | 7.59         | 7.46         |
| Textile Finishing,<br>Except Wool     | 2,600                           | 2,600        | 2,700        | 42.6                             | 43.0         | 38.4         | 364.66                               | 369.80       | 320.64       | 8.56                                 | 8.60         | 8.35         |
| Apparel and Other Textile<br>Products | 5,000                           | 5,200        | 5,100        | 39.0                             | 39.0         | 37.2         | 256.23                               | 254.28       | 225.43       | 6.57                                 | 6.52         | 6.06         |
| Chemicals and Allied<br>Products      | 5,000                           | 5,000        | 5,200        | 43.2                             | 43.2         | 41.7         | 515.81                               | 515.81       | 477.05       | 11.94                                | 11.94        | 11.44        |
| <b>Columbia</b>                       |                                 |              |              |                                  |              |              |                                      |              |              |                                      |              |              |
| Manufacturing                         | 17,600                          | 17,800       | 17,500       | 41.5                             | 41.7         | 40.7         | 413.76                               | 415.33       | 382.17       | 9.97                                 | 9.96         | 9.39         |
| Durable Goods                         | 7,700                           | 7,800        | 7,700        | 40.5                             | 40.7         | 40.1         | 376.65                               | 378.92       | 361.30       | 9.30                                 | 9.31         | 9.01         |
| Fabricated Metal Products             | 2,100                           | 2,100        | 2,100        | 39.6                             | 39.9         | 39.6         | 369.47                               | 374.26       | 371.05       | 9.33                                 | 9.38         | 9.37         |
| Industrial Machinery<br>and Equipment | 1,300                           | 1,300        | 1,400        | 40.1                             | 40.6         | 43.4         | 416.24                               | 421.02       | 446.15       | 10.38                                | 10.37        | 10.28        |
| Nondurable Goods                      | 9,900                           | 10,000       | 9,800        | 42.3                             | 42.5         | 41.1         | 442.46                               | 443.70       | 397.85       | 10.46                                | 10.44        | 9.68         |
| Textile Mill Products                 | 1,700                           | 1,700        | 1,600        | 42.4                             | 42.9         | 36.6         | 380.33                               | 384.38       | 319.88       | 8.97                                 | 8.96         | 8.74         |
| Apparel and Other Textile<br>Products | 1,300                           | 1,300        | 1,400        | 39.4                             | 40.1         | 39.8         | 219.06                               | 223.36       | 220.09       | 5.56                                 | 5.57         | 5.53         |
| <b>Charleston</b>                     |                                 |              |              |                                  |              |              |                                      |              |              |                                      |              |              |
| Manufacturing                         | 14,500                          | 14,500       | 14,400       | 41.9                             | 41.7         | 40.3         | 404.75                               | 401.99       | 376.81       | 9.66                                 | 9.64         | 9.35         |
| Durable Goods                         | 8,500                           | 8,500        | 8,700        | 43.1                             | 43.0         | 41.1         | 424.10                               | 421.83       | 387.57       | 9.84                                 | 9.81         | 9.43         |
| Nondurable Goods                      | 6,000                           | 6,000        | 5,700        | 40.1                             | 39.9         | 39.2         | 376.14                               | 374.26       | 361.42       | 9.38                                 | 9.38         | 9.22         |



**Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment  
in South Carolina Counties  
April 1992**

|              | Total Nonfarm<br>Employment |              |              | Manufacturing<br>Employment |              |              | Nonmanufacturing<br>Employment |              |              |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|              | Apr.<br>1992                | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 | Apr.<br>1992                | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 | Apr.<br>1992                   | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 |
| Abbeville    | 6,990                       | 6,990        | 6,810        | 3,720                       | 3,690        | 3,610        | 3,270                          | 3,300        | 3,200        |
| Aiken        | 60,700                      | 60,300       | 59,300       | 24,400                      | 24,200       | 23,000       | 36,300                         | 36,100       | 36,300       |
| Allendale    | 4,050                       | 3,940        | 3,820        | 1,510                       | 1,380        | 1,300        | 2,540                          | 2,560        | 2,520        |
| Anderson     | 53,400                      | 53,100       | 53,100       | 18,600                      | 18,400       | 18,700       | 34,800                         | 34,700       | 34,400       |
| Bamberg      | 4,470                       | 4,510        | 4,420        | 1,570                       | 1,580        | 1,520        | 2,900                          | 2,930        | 2,900        |
| Barnwell     | 7,320                       | 7,280        | 6,810        | 2,830                       | 2,780        | 2,500        | 4,490                          | 4,500        | 4,310        |
| Beaufort     | 35,020                      | 34,970       | 33,940       | 940                         | 940          | 970          | 34,080                         | 34,030       | 32,970       |
| Berkeley     | 25,900                      | 25,800       | 26,300       | 6,700                       | 6,600        | 7,000        | 19,200                         | 19,200       | 19,300       |
| Calhoun      | 3,620                       | 3,640        | 3,530        | 1,590                       | 1,590        | 1,520        | 2,030                          | 2,050        | 2,010        |
| Charleston   | 159,300                     | 158,700      | 158,500      | 9,300                       | 9,300        | 9,500        | 150,000                        | 149,400      | 149,000      |
| Cherokee     | 17,890                      | 17,910       | 17,800       | 8,640                       | 8,650        | 8,810        | 9,250                          | 9,260        | 8,990        |
| Chester      | 11,230                      | 11,290       | 11,280       | 5,610                       | 5,680        | 5,770        | 5,620                          | 5,610        | 5,510        |
| Chesterfield | 14,230                      | 14,190       | 14,060       | 8,250                       | 8,170        | 8,050        | 5,980                          | 6,020        | 6,010        |
| Clarendon    | 6,530                       | 6,500        | 6,650        | 1,400                       | 1,390        | 1,520        | 5,130                          | 5,110        | 5,130        |
| Colleton     | 10,020                      | 9,990        | 9,900        | 2,050                       | 2,040        | 2,050        | 7,970                          | 7,950        | 7,850        |
| Darlington   | 22,760                      | 22,420       | 21,800       | 7,580                       | 7,560        | 7,650        | 15,180                         | 14,860       | 14,150       |
| Dillon       | 8,810                       | 8,770        | 8,930        | 3,260                       | 3,220        | 3,200        | 5,550                          | 5,550        | 5,730        |
| Dorchester   | 19,800                      | 19,800       | 20,300       | 4,400                       | 4,400        | 4,500        | 15,400                         | 15,400       | 15,800       |
| Edgefield    | 4,500                       | 4,550        | 4,320        | 1,710                       | 1,750        | 1,720        | 2,790                          | 2,800        | 2,600        |
| Fairfield    | 7,320                       | 7,310        | 7,080        | 2,200                       | 2,180        | 2,070        | 5,120                          | 5,130        | 5,010        |
| Florence     | 55,000                      | 55,100       | 54,800       | 13,300                      | 13,400       | 13,400       | 41,700                         | 41,700       | 41,400       |
| Georgetown   | 18,480                      | 18,480       | 17,330       | 4,940                       | 4,940        | 4,550        | 13,540                         | 13,540       | 12,780       |
| Greenville   | 188,900                     | 189,200      | 189,600      | 46,000                      | 46,300       | 46,400       | 142,900                        | 142,900      | 143,200      |
| Greenwood    | 29,100                      | 28,880       | 28,550       | 10,840                      | 10,650       | 10,450       | 18,260                         | 18,230       | 18,100       |
| Hampton      | 5,230                       | 5,230        | 5,270        | 1,550                       | 1,550        | 1,630        | 3,680                          | 3,680        | 3,640        |
| Horry        | 70,030                      | 68,040       | 66,760       | 6,030                       | 6,040        | 5,760        | 64,000                         | 62,000       | 61,000       |
| Jasper       | 3,760                       | 3,760        | 3,570        | 420                         | 420          | 360          | 3,340                          | 3,340        | 3,210        |
| Kershaw      | 16,560                      | 16,580       | 16,090       | 5,770                       | 5,800        | 5,720        | 10,790                         | 10,780       | 10,370       |
| Lancaster    | 18,000                      | 17,920       | 18,340       | 7,350                       | 7,280        | 7,700        | 10,650                         | 10,640       | 10,640       |
| Laurens      | 19,780                      | 19,740       | 20,150       | 7,290                       | 7,240        | 7,240        | 12,490                         | 12,500       | 12,910       |
| Lee          | 3,690                       | 3,730        | 3,560        | 1,250                       | 1,240        | 1,190        | 2,440                          | 2,490        | 2,370        |
| Lexington    | 60,000                      | 60,000       | 60,000       | 12,100                      | 12,200       | 12,500       | 47,900                         | 47,800       | 47,500       |
| McCormick    | 2,140                       | 2,160        | 2,310        | 620                         | 630          | 630          | 1,520                          | 1,530        | 1,680        |
| Marion       | 11,880                      | 11,830       | 12,300       | 5,120                       | 5,050        | 5,160        | 6,760                          | 6,780        | 7,140        |
| Marlboro     | 8,530                       | 8,550        | 8,480        | 3,640                       | 3,650        | 3,660        | 4,890                          | 4,900        | 4,820        |
| Newberry     | 11,940                      | 11,910       | 11,870       | 4,860                       | 4,890        | 5,100        | 7,080                          | 7,020        | 6,770        |
| Oconee       | 23,560                      | 23,590       | 24,490       | 10,090                      | 10,050       | 10,370       | 13,470                         | 13,540       | 14,110       |
| Orangeburg   | 30,600                      | 30,620       | 30,850       | 9,420                       | 9,390        | 9,440        | 21,180                         | 21,230       | 21,410       |
| Pickens      | 35,600                      | 35,800       | 34,900       | 11,200                      | 11,300       | 11,400       | 24,400                         | 24,500       | 23,500       |
| Richland     | 182,500                     | 181,900      | 185,100      | 13,700                      | 13,800       | 13,800       | 168,800                        | 168,100      | 171,300      |
| Saluda       | 4,190                       | 4,210        | 3,840        | 2,020                       | 2,030        | 1,720        | 2,170                          | 2,180        | 2,120        |
| Spartanburg  | 105,600                     | 105,900      | 104,900      | 36,500                      | 36,700       | 37,100       | 69,100                         | 69,200       | 67,800       |
| Sumter       | 34,920                      | 34,960       | 32,980       | 9,560                       | 9,600        | 8,870        | 25,360                         | 25,360       | 24,110       |
| Union        | 10,440                      | 10,450       | 10,000       | 5,320                       | 5,330        | 5,120        | 5,120                          | 5,120        | 4,880        |
| Williamsburg | 10,700                      | 10,780       | 10,430       | 5,060                       | 5,080        | 4,870        | 5,640                          | 5,700        | 5,560        |
| York         | 47,800                      | 48,100       | 48,400       | 13,200                      | 13,400       | 13,500       | 34,600                         | 34,700       | 34,900       |

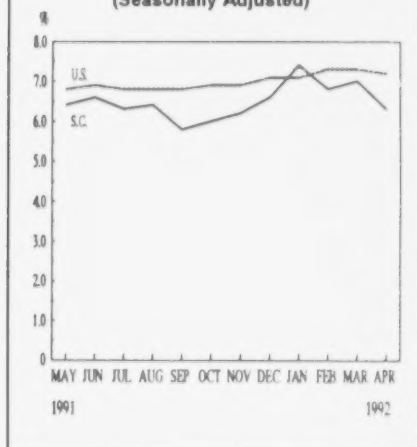
**Female Employment in South Carolina**  
**April 1992**

|                                            | Apr.<br>1992   | Mar.<br>1992   | Apr.<br>1991   | Net Change From: |               |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                            |                |                |                | Mar.<br>1992     | Apr.<br>1991  |
| <b>Total Nonagricultural Employment</b>    | <b>733,800</b> | <b>732,300</b> | <b>737,400</b> | <b>+1,500</b>    | <b>-3,600</b> |
| <b>Total Private</b>                       | <b>556,500</b> | <b>554,000</b> | <b>557,500</b> | <b>+2,500</b>    | <b>-1,000</b> |
| <b>Construction</b>                        | <b>6,800</b>   | <b>6,800</b>   | <b>8,200</b>   | <b>0</b>         | <b>-1,400</b> |
| <b>Manufacturing</b>                       | <b>148,900</b> | <b>149,300</b> | <b>149,300</b> | <b>-400</b>      | <b>-400</b>   |
| Durable Goods                              | 41,500         | 41,400         | 42,500         | +100             | -1,000        |
| Lumber and Wood Products                   | 2,200          | 2,200          | 2,200          | 0                | 0             |
| Fabricated Metal Products                  | 3,400          | 3,400          | 3,400          | 0                | 0             |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment         | 10,600         | 10,600         | 11,000         | 0                | -400          |
| Electronic and Other Electric Equipment    | 11,500         | 11,400         | 11,500         | +100             | 0             |
| Instruments and Related Products           | 3,300          | 3,300          | 3,400          | 0                | -100          |
| Nondurable Goods                           | 107,400        | 107,900        | 106,800        | -500             | +600          |
| Food and Kindred Products                  | 5,600          | 5,600          | 5,400          | 0                | +200          |
| Textile Mill Products                      | 40,700         | 40,900         | 41,200         | -200             | -500          |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Cotton            | 10,000         | 10,100         | 10,600         | -100             | -600          |
| Broadwoven Fabric Mills, Manmade           | 10,100         | 10,100         | 10,400         | 0                | -300          |
| Knitting Mills                             | 5,100          | 5,100          | 5,100          | 0                | 0             |
| Apparel and Other Textile Products         | 30,600         | 30,900         | 30,000         | -300             | +600          |
| Men's and Boys' Furnishings                | 8,700          | 8,800          | 8,100          | -100             | +600          |
| Women's and Misses' Outerwear              | 10,100         | 10,300         | 10,100         | -200             | 0             |
| Paper and Allied Products                  | 3,800          | 3,800          | 3,800          | 0                | 0             |
| Printing and Publishing                    | 4,600          | 4,600          | 4,800          | 0                | -200          |
| Chemicals and Allied Products              | 11,200         | 11,200         | 10,900         | 0                | +300          |
| Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products | 10,700         | 10,700         | 10,500         | 0                | +200          |
| <b>Transportation and Public Utilities</b> | <b>15,500</b>  | <b>15,600</b>  | <b>16,200</b>  | <b>-100</b>      | <b>-700</b>   |
| Communications                             | 5,900          | 5,900          | 6,100          | 0                | -200          |
| <b>Wholesale and Retail Trade</b>          | <b>167,200</b> | <b>165,300</b> | <b>171,100</b> | <b>+1,900</b>    | <b>-3,900</b> |
| Wholesale Trade                            | 15,500         | 15,400         | 16,000         | +100             | -500          |
| Wholesale Trade—Durable Goods              | 7,400          | 7,300          | 7,600          | +100             | -200          |
| Wholesale Trade—Nondurable Goods           | 8,100          | 8,100          | 8,400          | 0                | -300          |
| Retail Trade                               | 151,700        | 149,900        | 155,100        | +1,800           | -3,400        |
| General Merchandise Stores                 | 24,200         | 24,200         | 25,300         | 0                | -1,100        |
| Food Stores                                | 25,100         | 24,800         | 24,400         | +300             | +700          |
| <b>Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate</b> | <b>42,900</b>  | <b>43,000</b>  | <b>43,200</b>  | <b>-100</b>      | <b>-300</b>   |
| Insurance Carriers                         | 8,400          | 8,400          | 8,300          | 0                | +100          |
| <b>Services</b>                            | <b>175,100</b> | <b>173,900</b> | <b>169,400</b> | <b>+1,200</b>    | <b>+5,700</b> |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places            | 14,600         | 13,700         | 15,500         | +900             | -900          |
| Health Services                            | 53,700         | 53,400         | 51,300         | +300             | +2,400        |
| Hospitals                                  | 18,900         | 18,800         | 17,800         | +100             | +1,100        |
| Educational Services                       | 18,000         | 17,900         | 15,700         | +100             | +2,300        |
| <b>Total Government</b>                    | <b>177,300</b> | <b>178,300</b> | <b>179,900</b> | <b>-1,000</b>    | <b>-2,600</b> |
| Total Federal Government                   | 12,000         | 12,100         | 12,900         | -100             | -900          |
| Total State and Local Government           | 165,300        | 166,200        | 167,000        | -900             | -1,700        |
| Total State Government                     | 63,300         | 63,200         | 61,900         | +100             | +1,400        |
| State Government Education                 | 20,900         | 21,000         | 19,400         | -100             | +1,500        |
| Other State Government                     | 42,400         | 42,200         | 42,500         | +200             | -100          |
| Total Local Government                     | 102,000        | 103,000        | 105,100        | -1,000           | -3,100        |
| Local Government Education                 | 63,400         | 64,500         | 67,800         | -1,100           | -4,400        |
| Other Local Government                     | 38,600         | 38,500         | 37,300         | +100             | +1,300        |



## National News...

U.S. and S.C.  
Unemployment Rates  
(Seasonally Adjusted)



**Leading Indicators Up...** The index of leading economic indicators rose 0.4% in April to 148.9% of the 1982 average. This fourth consecutive monthly increase of the index suggests that the economy will continue its slow recovery. Four of the 11 indicators contributed to the April increase. Leading the rise were prices of sensitive materials, items manufacturers are using more of as consumer demand picks up. Average weekly initial claims for state unemployment insurance and manufacturers' new orders for consumer goods and materials also helped push up the index. Also, the March index increase was revised to 0.4% from an initial estimate of 0.2%.

**Unemployment Rate Edges Down...** The national unemployment rate, at 7.2%, showed little change in April compared with 7.3% in both February and March. Total employment, which continued the strong upward trend of recent months, was up 327,000 to 117.7 million. The number of jobless was little changed from March at 9.2 million, but was 10.9% above the April, 1991 level.

**Nonfarm Employment Still Climbing...** In April, nonfarm employment grew by 126,000, marking the third consecutive month of small gains in payroll employment. The service-producing sector added 135,000 jobs in April, its largest single-month increase since June, 1990. The services industry dominated the gain with an addition of 72,000 jobs. Business services and health services showed signs of renewed strength. Retail trade employment was up 46,000, while wholesale trade held steady after falling for the past 21 months. Both manufacturing and construction employment were essentially unchanged in April.

**Inflation Up 0.2%...** Inflation edged up 0.2% in April, following larger increases in February and March. The rise put the Consumer Price Index (All Urban Consumers) at 139.5, which was 3.2% above the April, 1991 level. Prices were restrained mainly by declines in the cost of food and clothing and a slowdown in increases for housing, transportation and energy. The slowing in consumer prices should help to calm concerns that increasing demand is causing a run-up in prices.

**Sales Climb 0.9%...** With people buying more of everything from building materials to gasoline, retail sales rose 0.9% in April, following a revision of the March decline from 0.4% to 1.0%. Most of the strength in April sales occurred in durable goods. Automotive sales gained 2.6% despite an overall weakness in car sales. There was also a 2.8% gain in sales of building materials, hardware and garden supplies.

**Industrial Output Up...** Industrial production rose 0.5% in April, the third consecutive monthly gain. The March gain was revised to 0.4% from the 0.2% originally reported. Most of the output gains in April came from a sharp rise of 0.3% in auto production. Production of consumer goods and business equipment increased in April, as did that of furniture, paper products and coal. Total industrial output was at 78.7% of capacity for April, up from 78.4% in March.

**Consumer Confidence Jumps...** The Consumer Confidence Index jumped to its highest level in seven months in April. At 64.8, the April index was up from a revised 56.5 in March (1985=100). While the index shows consumers are increasingly hopeful about the future, they continue to remain uneasy with the present situation.

U.S. Consumer Price Index  
(CPI)

All Urban Consumers

Base Year 1982-1984=100.0

|           | Apr.<br>1992 | Mar.<br>1992 | Apr.<br>1991 |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| All Items | 139.5        | 139.3        | 135.2        |



## Technical Notes

*South Carolina's Employment Trends* is prepared in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The current month's estimates are preliminary while all previous data are subject to revision. Industries are classified according to the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987. All estimates are projected from a first quarter 1991 benchmark.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work. Therefore, these data are not strictly comparable with the labor force data which represent persons by place of residence. Excluded from wage and salary estimates are proprietors, self-employed workers, private household employees, and unpaid family workers. A small percentage of wage and salary workers cannot be allocated to specific counties because of the nature of their jobs. Therefore, county data will not add to state totals.

Production worker estimates include full- and part-time employees working within manufacturing industries. Hours worked and earnings data are computed based on payroll figures for the week including the 12th of the month for production workers. Average hourly earnings are calculated on a gross basis, and are affected by such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differential as well as changes in basic hourly and incentive rates of pay. Average weekly earnings are the product of weekly hours worked and hourly earnings.

Labor force data are adjusted to the Current Population Survey benchmark, and represent employment and unemployment by place of residence. These data are not comparable to the place-of-work industry employment series. Workers involved in labor disputes are counted as employed. Total employment in the labor force also includes agricultural workers, unpaid family workers, domestics, and self-employed. The unemployment rate is calculated by dividing total unemployment by the labor force, and is expressed as a percent. Because of the conceptual differences stated above, total employment may in some instances be lower than nonagricultural wage and salary employment.



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